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## MISSING MOUNTAIN OF TIBET

**A peak which is said to be higher than Everest**

*Man has triumphed over Everest, but other mightier peaks have yet to be conquered; and not least among them is a mysterious mountain in the heart of Tibet. Many expeditions by land or by air have tried to solve the mystery but all have been robbed of success by appalling weather or fierce tribesmen.*

MOUNT AMNE MACHEN, which is believed by some people to rise more than 500 feet higher than Everest, has been a subject of almost constant investigation by geographers from all parts of the world but it remains almost as much of a mystery today as it was 50 years ago.

Early in this century the Russian explorer Roborovsky set out to find and chart the mountain, but his party was routed by fierce Tibetan tribes.

### FIRST EXPEDITIONS

In 1922 the British explorer, General George Pereira, returned home from Tibet with a story about a "monster mountain," higher than Everest, in the wilds of Western China. He understood from the inhabitants that the mountain's name was Amne Machen. Next year he led an expedition into China but died before he could reach his objective.

Then, in 1929, Dr. Joseph Rock led an expedition on behalf of the American National Geographic Society to the headwaters of the Yellow River. But Dr. Rock only got to within 40 miles of the mysterious mountain. From that

distance he took photographs and calculated that Amne Machen was at least 500 feet higher than Everest.

In all, eleven attempts were made between 1930 and 1937, five of them British. Then a French explorer, Dutreuil de Rhins, set out with nine men. Almost within the shadow of the mountain—certainly less than 20 miles away—the party was captured by the fierce Ngolok tribe. One man escaped and brought word of the disaster to civilisation, but the others were never seen again.

### ATTACKS ON EVERYBODY

Another explorer, Hans Schäfer, a German, was captured but convinced the tribe that he was a harmless naturalist in search of rare plants and they released him.

The Ngoloks, who live in the vicinity of Amne Machen, are considered among the world's wildest and most courageous tribes, attacking anyone, however well armed. They do not confine their attacks to Europeans, however. In 1939 a Buddhist scholar, Dr. Migot, ventured into the forbidden area around Mount Amne Machen. He was robbed and left to find his way back to his own territory with his hands bound behind his back.

### FLYING TO THE PEAK

In 1943 Lieutenant Rowan N. Neff, of the American Air Force, was flying to China from India at 29,000 feet when he saw a tremendous mountain peak, towering higher than he was flying and slightly to his north. His report was checked against known facts by the National Geographic Society and it was established that the peak he had seen had been Amne Machen.

In 1948 the Chinese-American aviator, Moon Chin, tried to fly a group of American and Chinese newspaper correspondents over Amne Machen, starting from Lanchow, about 300 miles away. But heavy weather prevented the fliers from going directly over the mountain peak, and they got only a hazy view of it.

In the same year an American, Mr. Milton Reynolds, tried to fly over Amne Machen to chart and measure it but the project ended abruptly when the aircraft crashed.

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## Lady with a lamp

A Wren using the new Aldis long-range signalling lamp aboard H.M.S. President, moored off the Thames Embankment near the C N offices.

### PLEASE DISTURB

People sauntering through Sydney's Hyde Park were amused a short time ago at the sight of a young man fast asleep on the grass with a big note pinned to his sleeve.

It read: "Will someone please call me at 2.30 p.m. because I have an important appointment at 3." A boy awoke the sleeper punctually and, after thanking the "knocker-up," off he went.

### BOUNCING BOY

Of the making of records there is no end. From Johannesburg comes news of an astonishing feat by 18-year-old Morris Bortz. He has headed a tennis ball against a wall 13,313 times in succession.

### REMOVALS FREE OF CHARGE

Faced with the prospect of a big bill for the removal of its stock of books to new premises, the public library in Westfield, New Jersey, invited every citizen in the town to borrow six books free of charge and to return them after 14 days to the new address.

### NOISY NEIGHBOURS

Because they chatter too much, herons have been dislodged from their homes in trees surrounding St. Peter's Anglican Church at Kenkelbosch, South Africa. The trees are to be felled because the incessant noise of the birds disturbs divine service.

## BIRDS' GIFT TO HOSPITAL

Five jackdaws and a magpie in the East Park aviary at Southampton last year collected 28,514 coins amounting to £180 12s.

This great collection of assorted coins had been pushed through the wire netting to them by visitors from many parts of the world, as they have been for many years past.

The birds hide the coins in the sand and under the bushes of the aviary, but the keeper always retrieves the buried treasure, ranging from half-crowns to farthings, and it goes to the Southampton Children's Hospital.

### OUT OF BADGERS' REACH

As a result of regular raids on hen-houses by badgers, the hens in many parts of Argyll are roosting on the branches of trees all night.

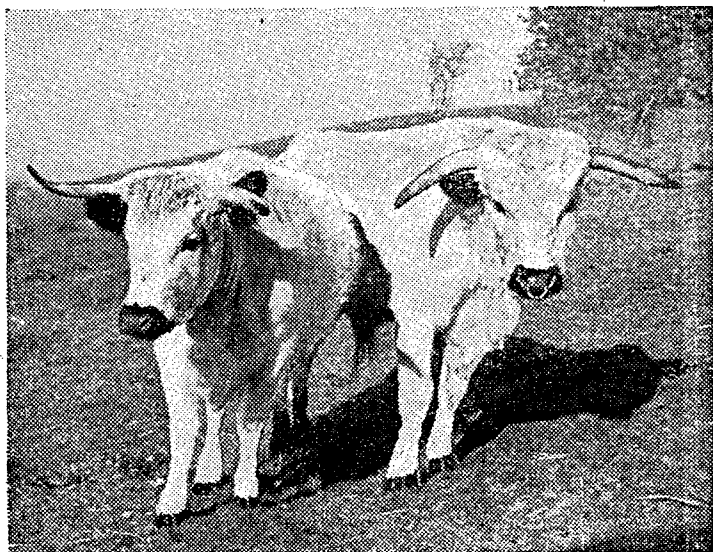
## The glassblower



A London craftsman blows a bulb of glass for a window in a New York church. He will next put the bulb into a square mould and blow it to that shape. When the glass is cool, it can be cut into flat pieces. Now nearing completion, the window has taken a year to make and contains 10,000 separate portions.



## DESCENDANTS OF BRITISH WILD CATTLE



The romantic story of one of the oldest breeds of cattle in this country is recalled by the arrival at Whipsnade Zoo of the fine pair of Chartley cattle seen in this photograph. They are direct descendants of Britain's ancient wild oxen.

Their forebears once roamed at will through Needwood Forest in Staffordshire, but about the year 1248 part of the forest was enclosed by William de Ferrers, Earl of Derby, and the long-horned monarchs of the woods were driven into the new park.

Here they lived half-wild for some 657 years. They would never allow a man to touch them, and the cows would hide their calves at birth. To face an intruder they would form up in a semicircle, with the king of the herd in the centre and a powerful bull on either flank—an awe-inspiring sight.

These Chartley beasts have

longer horns than the wild cattle of Chillingham in Northumberland, or those of Cadzow in Lanarkshire.

Legends grew up about the Chartley herd, one being that if ever a black calf were born, some evil would befall the Earl Ferrers of the period. In consequence, it was said, black calves were shot as soon as they were seen!

By the end of the last century there were still 53 of the cattle in Chartley Park, but tuberculosis attacked them, and there were only eleven left by 1904, when the tenth Earl Ferrers sold the estate. One of the eleven was a black heifer which, said the superstitious, foretold the end of the Ferrers at Chartley!

In 1905 the remaining Chartleys were taken over by the Duke of Bedford at Woburn Park. From their offspring are descended the pair now at Whipsnade.

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Mr. Reynolds then fitted out another plane and, without permission from the Chinese Government, headed for Amne Machen. The weather was, however, so bad that they returned to Shanghai with their objective unfulfilled, only to be arrested and held for some days because they had flown over Chinese territory without permission.

In October 1949, Life Magazine organised an attempt by an explorer named Leonard Clark, who knew China intimately and who had the previous expeditions' records to work on before he set out.

Mr. Clark started from Lanchow with an elaborate expedition, which included a Mongol prince for an interpreter. This was just before the Communists took over control of China.

The party travelled for about ten weeks. On the way they were warned about an expedition of 300 Asians who had tried to reach the mountain and who had been massacred by the Ngoloks. But they kept on.

Scouts, who went ahead of the party, returned with word that the

Ngoloks were on the warpath. Clark, however, sent his interpreter ahead, offering gifts and goodwill. He managed to get permission to proceed on condition that only a few men could pass through.

On May 4, 1949, the final march to the mountain began at an altitude of 15,000 feet. Mr. Clark, with ten armed men, began their measurements on the sixth day. Then the Ngoloks changed their minds and warned the party to get out; while, at the same time, storms blew up. Feeling that they had done as much as possible, the party withdrew.

The exact figures given to the world by Mr. Clark after careful calculations under dangerous and difficult conditions, were that the exact height of Amne Machen was 29,661 feet above sea level—more than 600 feet higher than Everest.

Now word has come from America that an air expedition is to set out to take photographs of the mysterious mountain. If these are forthcoming, a new chapter will be written in our geographies and a new great adventure will confront the pioneer mountaineers of the world.

## REINDEER FLY SOUTH

Apart from any journeys they may make for Santa Claus, reindeer are naturally great travellers, moving from one feeding ground to another in their Arctic homes. But four particular reindeer have broken all records by reaching the tropics—and the headlines—in remarkable fashion.

The French Government bought them in Sweden for transfer to Kerguelen Island in the southern part of the Indian Ocean. Here the French maintain a small outpost of about 50 people, and reindeer would form a welcome supply of food.

### TROUBLE IN THE TROPICS

The climate is very suitable to the animals but in travelling thither the airliner which carried them developed trouble in Cairo and these creatures of snow and ice had to spend 24 hours in tropic heat. Air-conditioning equipment was brought under the fuselage and refrigerated air pumped in. The deer seemed quite happy and took some of the supply of lichen, carried in the aircraft, from the hands of a visitor. Later they flew on to Nairobi, where a special consignment of hay was rushed to the airport by a police car.

When we last heard of these roving reindeer they were due to fly on to Madagascar where a refrigerator ship was standing by to take them the rest of their long journey from the top of the world to the bottom.

### In safe jaws



Tamsins, a Belgian Papillon, weighs only 2 lb., is less than 7 inches high, and is claimed by his owner, Mrs. Hill of Egham in Surrey, to be one of the world's smallest dogs. His spaniel friend has promised not to lose him.

### SAME OLD STORY

Complaints about taxes and the cost of living are no new thing. Among the papers exhibited at the annual conference of the British Records Association at Cutlers' Hall in London, was a letter written in 1643 by one, Thomas Gillibrand, deploring the taxes he has to pay to support the armed forces and adds: "Money goeth faster than I can get it."

### A LITTLE BIT OF IRELAND

The new headquarters of the Rotary International movement at Chicago is to have an "International Walk," a pavement of stone from all countries represented. One contribution was a slab of stone weighing 1½ cwt, "a little bit of Ireland" from Dublin.

## News from Everywhere

### FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

Over 300 members of the English Folk Dance and Song Society are taking part in the society's folk dance festival in London's Royal Albert Hall on January 7 and 8.

A letter written to George IV in 1827 by Simon Bolivar, one of the pioneers of South American independence, fetched £1500 at a recent London auction.

In answer to an offer of work in New Zealand 80 Canadian lumbermen and timber machine operators have gone to live in the new town of Kawerau, where huge newsprint and timber mills are being built.

### IDEAL HOME

The National Council of Women of Great Britain are to build what they consider the ideal home. Suggestions for its design are being obtained from questionnaires sent to women all over Britain.

At New Zealand's general election last November about 1,100,000 men and women voted to elect 80 members of Parliament. Some time this year their ballot papers, which weigh 14 tons, will be burnt in the presence of the Clerk of Parliament at a city council furnace in Wellington.

Most Scouts prefer the new beret, introduced two months ago, to the traditional Scout hat. Senior Scouts have been allowed to wear berets since 1949.

### NEVER ABSENT

Fifteen-year-old Leonard Gascoigne of Skellow, near Doncaster, has left school with a record of never having been absent.

Miss Patricia Hart, 28, of Sittingbourne, Kent, has become the first blind woman to qualify as a solicitor.

Dennis Welsh, of Ryhope Grammar School, Sunderland, continued his studies for the General Certificate examination while in a sanatorium. He passed in four subjects and produced the best Latin paper in the school.

A 13-year-old Californian boy, Steve Allan, has designed and built his own colour television set.

The New Zealand Government has given two crates of black swans' eggs to the Lands and Forestry Department of Canada. Black swans, introduced from Australia 90 years ago, are now seen in thousands on New Zealand lakes.

### RARE BIRDS

Two of the world's rarest birds, yellow-necked picathartes, have been sent to the London Zoo from West Africa.

The Alpine Club is to send an expedition to 28,166-foot Kanchanganga (Nepal), to find a route to the summit. If the expedition is successful an attempt to climb the mountain will be made next year.

# The OVALTINE'S own 'Puzzle Corner'

Can you spot the 4 different pairs?

In this puzzle two objects are made of the same material; two begin with the same letter of the alphabet; two are the same colour; and two are used for the same purpose.

**DON'T FORGET** that it is a golden rule of all Ovaltineys to drink 'Ovaltine' every day. 'Ovaltine' is made from the very best of Nature's foods and it contains important food elements, including vitamins. Remind Mummy to serve this delicious and nourishing beverage with your meals and always drink it at bedtime every night.

**EVERY BOY AND GIRL SHOULD JOIN THE LEAGUE OF OVALTINEYS**

Members of the League of Ovaltineys have great fun with the secret high-signs, signals and code. You can join the League and obtain your badge and the Official Rule Book (which also contains the words and music of the Ovaltiney songs), by sending a label from a tin of 'Ovaltine' with your full name, address and age to: THE CHIEF OVALTINEY (Dept. D), 42 Upper Grosvenor Street, London, W.1.

## OVALTINE

The World's Most Popular Food Beverage

Turn this upside down to find the correct answers.

1. Balloon and Wellington Boot (Both are made of rubber).
2. Top and Tin (Both begin with a 'T').
3. Cornflower Stamp and Pig (Both are used for food).
4. Pig and Oats (Both are used for food).



## WORLD'S BIGGEST AVIARY

Olympia this week will be the world's biggest aviary and the world's biggest aquarium. In the aviary will be more than 9000 fancy birds of every hue, from violet budgerigars to red canaries. In the aquarium will be every known kind of goldfish as well as strange species like the Archer fish that shoots its prey with jets of water, and a catfish that swims on its back.

They can all be seen at the National Hall, Olympia, at the following times: January 6 from 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m., January 7 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., and January 8 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Admission is 2s. 6d.

## SMOG GAUGE

Apparatus that measures proportions of smoke and sulphur dioxide in London's atmosphere has been set up for all to see at the Science Museum in South Kensington.

The equipment has a filter paper through which air is drawn from just above the museum's roof by a small electric pump. Smoke particles appear as a grey stain on the filter paper, and the intensity of this indicates the extent of smoke pollution. The same air is then bubbled through a weak solution of hydrogen peroxide. In this the atmospheric sulphur dioxide is dissolved to form an acid solution, the strength of which is measured by standard chemical methods.

The Science Museum's smoke pollution station is one of several set up in London and elsewhere by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

## SWEETS ON WHEELS

A sweetshop on wheels left this country recently to make a six-month tour of North America.

Owned by a Durham firm of sweet manufacturers, it will make a 20,000-mile tour of Canada and the United States in an attempt to persuade Canadians and Americans to buy more British confectionery and thus earn dollars.

It has a "crew" of two—a young saleswoman and a driver-mechanic.

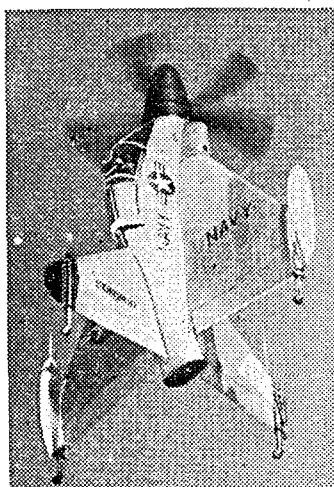
## MORE POWER TO THE RUDDER

The 8000-ton German cargo ship Falkenstein, recently completed, has something quite new in shipbuilding ideas—an "active" rudder. This means that the rudder itself is fitted with a small propeller, driven by a 500-horsepower electric motor. A metal ring around the rudder-propeller is arranged to give a jet effect when the motor is switched on.

The main idea is to improve the "power" of the steering, especially at low speeds when an ordinary rudder has least power. It is claimed that such low speed control does away with the need for tugs when docking, especially since the steering range is extended to a full ninety degrees on either side of the central position.

Once the ship is moving fast enough for the rudder to be effective in the normal way, the electric motor is switched off and the rudder-propeller is stopped.

## Vertical take-off



The U.S. Navy's new fighter, the Convair XFY-1, which takes off vertically and lands on its tail.

## FROM HULL TO HELSINKI

Hull is making a gift of Yorkshire roses to be planted in the Finnish city of Helsinki.

The principal port for the import of Finnish goods, Hull received from Helsinki a Christmas tree 52 feet high.

## Roadside feed

A Canadian reader sends us this picture of a young deer being fed by the roadside in Alberta National Park. Most of the animals there, which are protected by law, are completely tame.



## COIN COLLECTION

A collection of 387 English and Roman silver coins, considered to be the best of its kind in the country, and valued at many hundreds of pounds, has been given to Scarborough Museum by Mr. Albert Harland of Sheffield.

The collection includes crown pieces from 1551 to 1935 and a half pound piece of the reign of King Charles I. This was minted at Oxford in 1642-43, and has an imprint of King Charles mounted on a horse. A 1653 crown piece of Oliver Cromwell has the Protector's head and an inscription, "God with us."

## SHOCKS IN VENICE

The peace and quiet of Venice was shattered a few days ago by two speed boats dashing through the canals.

A film company was at work. The cameras were perched on the back of one of the boats, and to get the right effect the two boats raced through the normal traffic on the canals. Several gondolas were nearly upset, but the only casualty was the leading lady—she was seasick.

## HORSE SAVES MOUSE

When the River Tolka overflowed northern parts of Dublin recently a man waded breast high into a stable to rescue his horse. Cowering on the horse's back was a mouse almost paralysed with fright. The man led the horse to dry ground with the mouse still on its back. When they all reached safety the little rider jumped down and scampered away to shelter in a stone wall.

## NEW TOWN NEAR GLASGOW

One of the architectural showpieces of the new town of East Kilbride, near Glasgow, is a vast new hydraulic laboratory costing over £600,000 and said to be the only one of its kind in Europe.

The Development Corporation of the new town aims at providing accommodation for between 45,000 and 50,000 people, and three industrial areas are being laid out on the outskirts.

## POSTMAN'S PLEASURE

The islanders of Stroms, in the Pentland Firth, thought of the ideal retirement gift for their postman, Mr. James Smith. Having walked 4000 miles or more along Stroms's roads and rough tracks he can now take his ease in an armchair plus a pair of slippers, which the islanders have presented to him.

## GHOST VOICE AS GUIDE

The magnificent château of Langeais in the Loire in France has had a "ghost" voice installed so that the many visitors who come to see it may walk through the rooms and have the special features and objects explained to them.

Attention is called to different objects of interest and at the same time lights flash on which show them to better advantage. This is done by a device which incorporates a tape recorder and a series of switches which automatically release the lighting effects at the correct time.

Four groups of 50 visitors each can be conducted by the apparatus through the 12 rooms of the castle with an interval of five minutes between the groups. One recording of this mechanical guide is in English. This famous castle is thought to be the first to have this device installed.

## CHANNEL AIR FERRY FROM BIRMINGHAM

Motorists and cyclists in the Midlands and the North of England are to have a direct air ferry to the Continent next Spring.

Run by Silver City Airways, it will link Elmdon Airport, Birmingham, with the French coastal resort of Le Touquet. Bristol Superfreighters, carrying up to three cars and 20 passengers on each flight, will complete the 200-mile journey in 90 minutes.

Keep on collecting

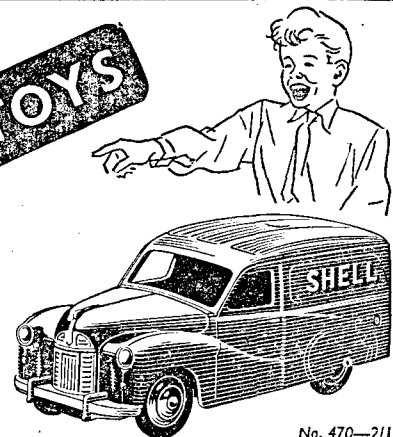
**DINKY TOYS**

Wonderful metal miniatures of passenger cars, racers, trucks, lorries, tankers and buses, of army vehicles, aeroplanes and farm gear—unsurpassed for realism, wealth of detail, bright colouring and sturdy construction.

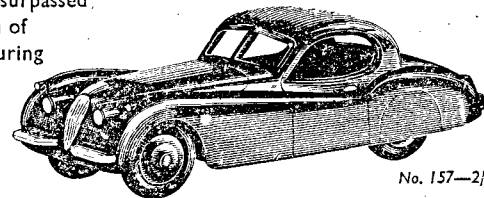


Ask your local dealer or write to Meccano Ltd.—for the new 24-page booklet illustrating the full range of Dinky Toys in colour.

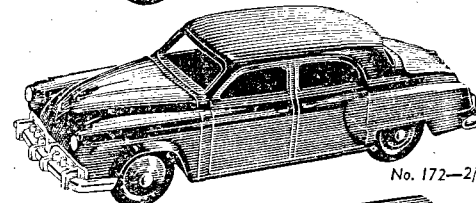
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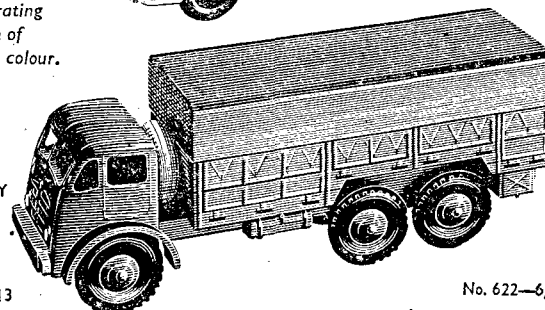
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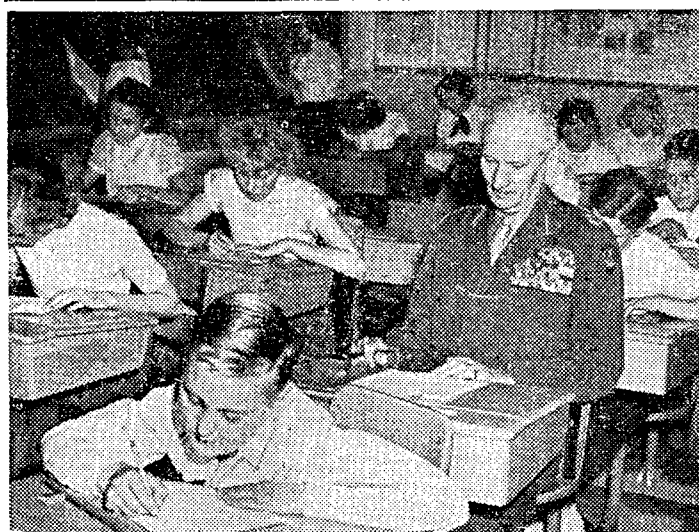
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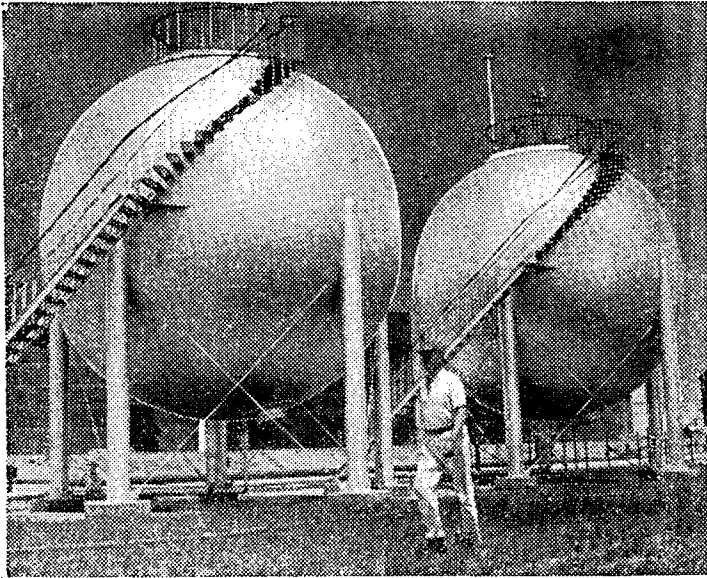
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## Back at school

When Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery was in Canada he visited a new school that had been named after him in Hamilton, Ontario. Here he is seen sitting in a classroom taking part in a lesson before addressing all the school's pupils.





### New-style gasholders

Looking like space-ships waiting to take off, these staircased balloons are actually used for storing liquefied butane gas. They have been installed at the new Kwinana Oil Refinery near Fremantle in Western Australia.

## LITTLE MISS MITFORD AND HER VILLAGE

*Tears were shed far from the sleepy Berkshire village where Mary Russell Mitford died on January 10, 1855—just a century ago. Fame and friends in many lands had been won by this lovable little woman.*

COVENT GARDEN and Drury Lane theatre audiences had applauded Miss Mitford's tragedies; verses and poetic dramas won American hearts. But captivating all were the simple chronicles of "Our Village"—as mellow and fragrant as their writer's cottage. They charmed the townsman and gladdened the exile's heart.



Mary Mitford

Serené as were these rural pen-pictures, Mary Russell Mitford bore many a private sorrow. Toil for a spend-thrift father ruined her health; painful illness burdened her last years. Hampshire born, she had in girlhood been whisked from one home to another as the family fortunes dwindled.

It was her own childish fancy which saved them from destitution. Dr. Mitford, Mary's happy-go-lucky parent, could never resist a lottery or gamble. Lodging in London after creditors had claimed their Lyme Regis home, he took her into a sweepstake office. Mary chose a ticket whose numbers totalled ten—her age attained that very day. It won £20,000.

### LITERARY GIFTS

A fine new mansion was built at Reading. Mary, quick and perceptive, attended school in London. She loved French and drama, but more impressive to tutors were her marked literary gifts. Her essays and letters sparkled.

But the Mitfords' luck did not last. In her twenties, Mary learned that the lottery money was at an end. With no rebuke to her carefree father, she sold verses,

then wrote two long narrative poems. Coleridge praised and polished them, and they won some notice here and in America.

It was not enough to avert a move from the big mansion to the cottage at Three Mile Cross, three miles from Reading. Here until her death 35 years later Miss Mitford lived. Never again was luxury enjoyed. But here, too, amid meadows and rambling lanes, genuine fame rewarded her courageous, uncomplaining support of her parents. The "Ladies' Magazine" published the first of her little country chronicles when she was 33.

### FAMOUS FRIENDS

Soon a growing circle delighted in the latest accounts of the humble village street, its homely folk, daily round, and occasional excitements. Miss Mitford's daily writing brought to life the cobbler's nook, the bustling dame with rosy children, the solitary, cluttered store, the village inn with "mine host" resplendent in scarlet waistcoat. It told both ourselves, and the generations to follow, just what it was like to live there.

Through her numerous essays, stories, and a novel, Mary gained a wide circle of famous friends and correspondents—Charles Lamb, Christopher North, Haydon the painter, Wordsworth, and William Cobbett. But the delicate charm of "Our Village" will always be little Miss Mitford's true memorial, and none has better described that charm than a well-loved friend, Elizabeth Barrett Browning: "... It comes on the mind as the summer air and the sweet hum of rural sounds would float upon the senses, through an open window in the country; and leaves with you, for the whole day, a tradition of fragrance and dew..."

### IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

## DARING CLIVE ENTERS CALCUTTA

JANUARY 2, 1757. CALCUTTA—This Bengal town today surrendered to the British force under Colonel Robert Clive. The tragedy of the "Black Hole of Calcutta" was avenged.

It is nearly seven months since the treacherous and cruel Nawab of Bengal sacked the town and captured the British post of Fort William. Among the prisoners he took were 146 Europeans. They were driven into one small room with only two windows, and during the night 123 of them died.

Immediately news of the massacre reached Madras, Colonel Clive—known to the Indians as "Sabut Jung" (the Daring in War)—was put in command of a force to regain Calcutta, and set sail with ten ships, 900 British soldiers, and 1500 sepoys. Colonel Clive's men routed the Nawab's forces in the first engagement and Calcutta surrendered today.

## KING CHARLES INVADES PARLIAMENT

JANUARY 4, 1642. WESTMINSTER—An exciting and unprecedented scene was witnessed in the House of Commons today when King Charles marched in with an armed guard.

It was his intention to arrest five Members of Parliament—Messrs. Pym, Hampden, Hollis, Haselrigg, and Strode—on a charge of treason.

But when the King entered the Chamber the "wanted" M.P.s had gone. They escaped by boat from the Thames entrance of the Palace of Westminster.

Facing the hostile M.P.s remaining, he declared: "I will have them wherever I find them, and I expect you to send them to me as soon as they return, otherwise I'll take my own course to find them."

He told the M.P.s that he wished to preserve their Parliamentary privileges, but warned them that in cases of treason "no person hath privilege."

As the King stalked out of the Commons, mutterings of discontent from the outraged M.P.s could be heard. Some cried out loudly: "Privilege!"

## ANTARCTIC EXPLORER DIES

JANUARY 5, 1922. SOUTH GEORGIA—Here, amid the majestic wastes of the Antarctic in which he spent so many years of his life, the great Polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton died today aboard his discovery ship, the Quest.

It is only four months since the 47-year-old explorer left London in the Quest for a three-year tour of discovery in Antarctica.

At 27 Ernest Shackleton was with the National Antarctic expedition organised by Scott of the Antarctic, and from 1907 to 1909, when he himself was commanding a Polar expedition, he and his companions trekked across the ice with sledges to reach the farthest point south then attained.

### RADIO AND TV

## PANTOVISION

## Mother Goose and Cinderella on the screen

LISTENERS who tune in to excerpts from Mother Goose at the London Palladium on Friday afternoon will meet many old friends of radio and TV. The old lady herself is played by Richard Hearne (Mr. Pastry of TV), Sammy by Max Bygraves, the Squire by Peter Sellers, and Margery Daw by Shirley Eaton.



Coco and some of his friends at Bertram Mills' Circus

A practically complete ice pantomime in 60 minutes is something new in Children's TV. Cinderella on Ice on Friday will find the TV cameras at the Westover Ice Rink, Bournemouth, to show excerpts specially arranged to tell the whole story in one hour. None of the important moments will be missed, thanks to co-operation between TV producer Nicholas Crocker and show producer John Moss, who also plays Buttons.

Jane Conlon, the Cinderella, has appeared in principal parts on the ice at Empress Hall, London. The chorus is composed of local girls, all trained at the Bournemouth Ice Rink.

Next day, in the Light Programme, Raymond Baxter and Brian Johnstone will be heard at Bertram Mills' Circus at Olympia, describing the fun and thrills inside the ring and backstage, not forgetting the funfair.

## Busman's holiday

How would you like to travel from end to end of Britain using only public buses? Eric Phillips, whom you may remember as Sergeant Wright of P.C. 49, made the experiment last summer and is to describe it stage by stage each Sunday afternoon in Holiday Hour, beginning on January 23.

Altogether he took 62 buses from John o' Groats to Land's End, and the journey lasted three weeks. He tells me the route was mainly along the East and South coasts, with inland diversions at times to make the necessary connections.

## David takes a course

DAVID DAVIS (David of Children's Hour) recently completed an instructional course in TV methods at the Lime Grove studios.

"Don't think I'm leaving Children's Hour," he told me. "The course was just part of a BBC plan to see that sound radio staff can cope with television if the need arises."

## She belongs to Glasgow



JANET BROWN, the singer from Glasgow, is coming back to Children's TV next Monday to sing every fortnight specially for younger viewers. She is married to funny man Peter Butterworth.

## Fun on the Third

THE Third Programme rarely has anything of great interest to young listeners, but I can recommend Max Saunders' musical melodrama on Lewis Carroll's *Waltus and the Carpenter* (from *Alice in Wonderland*) on Thursday at 6.55 p.m. This promises 20 minutes of musical fun.

A boom on the bassoon introduces Scott Joynt (bass) as the Walrus and Andrew Gold (tenor) as the Carpenter; a xylophone tap heralds the arrival of Marjorie



Marjorie Westbury

Westbury (soprano) as an Oyster. The story will be sung and told by Alan Reid (bass).

## Mountain adventure

GEORGE LOWE, in Children's TV this Wednesday, was one of the two men—Wilfred Noyce was the other—who waited at the 26,000-foot base camp nearest to Hillary and Sherpa Tensing when they scaled the summit of Mount Everest.

In an illustrated talk called *It Happened to Me* he will tell viewers of his adventures a few months later on Sir Edmund Hillary's expedition which attempted to climb the unconquered 27,790-foot peak of Makalu in the Himalayas.



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## ROUND THE TOWNS

by Alan Ivimey

## In a quaint little old-fashioned town

FAMOUS places are often a disappointment when you get to them. But not Rye.

The reason for this is that it is built on a little sandstone hill which was once an island in the sea. It is still embraced by water on three sides, where the combined streams of the Brede and Tillingham meet the River Rother. So the only space for modern development has been in the low-lying ground to the north, where the railway runs, and on the range of low hills beyond which represents the old coast-line.

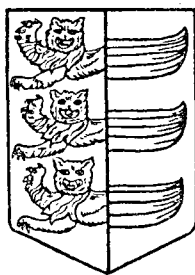
For years people have been coming to Rye, falling in love with it and buying themselves houses to retire in. The result is that many an old building has been restored and strengthened instead of falling into decay.

Mr. H. J. Wood, most genial of Town Clerks, told me that his Council are nowadays very jealous for their town's fame, which is world-wide. To supervise any necessary alterations or repairs they have appointed the same architect who was responsible for restoring Canterbury after the war.

## VISITORS FROM AFAR

Most of Rye's 4500 people, then, live between the line of the old town wall, on the landward side, and the rocky cliff on the seaward side, all as compact as bees in a hive. Their chief occupation is the tourist trade and, after that, providing the shops, banks, and amusements for the farmers and other inhabitants of the surrounding marshes and hills. Mr. Wood thought that about 10,000 people come into Rye for these purposes.

As for the tourists, they come from all over the world. Every summer you will find foreign yachts moored in the Tillingham stream on the west side of the town. And Americans often make Rye their first objective after getting off the ship at Southampton. For whereas other famous English towns have an "Old Town" or some "historic nooks and corners," Rye is all old, and all nooks and corners. It stands complete where it always stood, entirely covering one small hill.

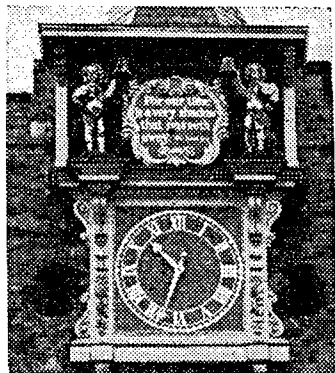


Rye's coat of arms

For years it has been an ideal sketching ground for the artist. In fact, it is said to be the only town in England where the local children do not crowd round the painter's easel. For those who come here to draw or paint are so common as to be no more remarkable each season, than the grass which springs between the cobbles.

The American novelist, Henry James, who was living at Rye at the beginning of the present century, mentions in one of his books the presence of whole sketching parties, English and American, in charge of an art master, so blocking some of the streets that the inhabitants, wishing to leave or enter their houses, had to "take flying leaps" over the students clustered round their doors.

What the tourists come to see is something you can see nowhere else in Britain so completely. Here is a place which has survived the ordinary risks of fire and



The Quarter Boys on the Parish Church tower

warfare sufficiently to give a vivid picture of what a town was like until the coming of modern times and bustle. Some of the houses are still of timber frame and plaster, though since refronted; many more are of mellowed

18th-century brickwork. Rye has not only kept its buildings, but its atmosphere as well.

It was never feudal. There is no over-lord's castle. Its freemen were called "barons." There was no one more important than the townsman. And that, I believe, is the secret of its personality.

You walk up or down its steep, narrow streets, where motor traffic is strictly regulated. The houses do not stand, they sit—comfortably. They are like people at a picnic or watching a cricket match—at slight angles to each other and never in straight lines. And they all seem to be quietly enjoying themselves.

You come in by the Landgate, between two fine drum-towers. You follow the High Street up and up and then gradually down again. There is the old grammar school, now a men's club. And from its back windows you see the buildings and Soccer pitches of the modern successor, outside the old town limits, with plenty of space for expansion without interfering with the generally delightful picture.

## ELECTION CELEBRATIONS

A nearby corner gives you a view downhill of the chapel of the Augustinian monastery with a little garden in front of it. Opposite the old school is The George, where in the days when Rye sent two Members to Parliament, the very corrupt elections were celebrated. The great Duke of Wellington once stood bowing from a window to the roars of an election day crowd.

High Street leads down to the Strand (or shore) beside the wharves, and here, too, there used to be another fortified gate.

In a busy timber yard I talked to Mr. Bert Hind, whose firm has been importing timber to Rye for 100 years. An occasional ship from the Baltic or Hamburg still sails up the Rother to the quay here. Vessels of up to 200 tons can still reach the old port, picking up the pilot in Rye Bay.

Once Rye was famous for its shipyards and built fine boats, but now this activity has dwindled to repair work only. There are still about 16 boats carrying the famous RX, the port's registration mark, on their sails.

## SCARS OF OLD WARS

Going up the hill again by Mermaid Street, which has a surface of sea-pebbles like thousands of eggs on edge, you come to West Street, and so past Henry James's house, repaired after bad damage from bombs, to the magnificent church of St. Mary's. On some of the stones in the nave you can still see the marks of fire, for the building was badly damaged when the French sacked and burned the town in 1377.

A huge gold pendulum, 18 feet long, swinging from the ceiling, works the clock which still uses



"A street where the cobblestones harass the feet"

the original movement made by Lewys Billiard of Winchelsea in 1560. The quarters are struck by two gilded Quarter Boys on the tower outside.

And then we come to the highest point and the Ypres Tower, the final strongpoint against old foes.

Here stands the strong grey sentinel as though representing the town. For centuries the Ryers, as they call themselves, raided French towns across the Channel and suffered counter-raids themselves. On this part of the coast—the invasion coast where landing is comparatively easy—it was the task of Rye, as part of the Cinque Ports organisation, to watch the narrow seas. From up here at night you can still see the wink and flash of the French lighthouse on Cap Gris Nez.

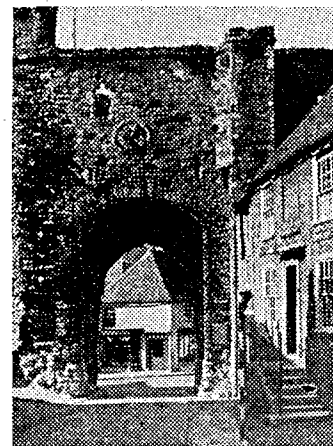
Long since the tides have swept nearly two miles of sand and shingle between the old port and the sea which once beat against the feet of this very cliff.

From here, past the churchyard which is as gracious as a cathedral close, you walk down Watchbell

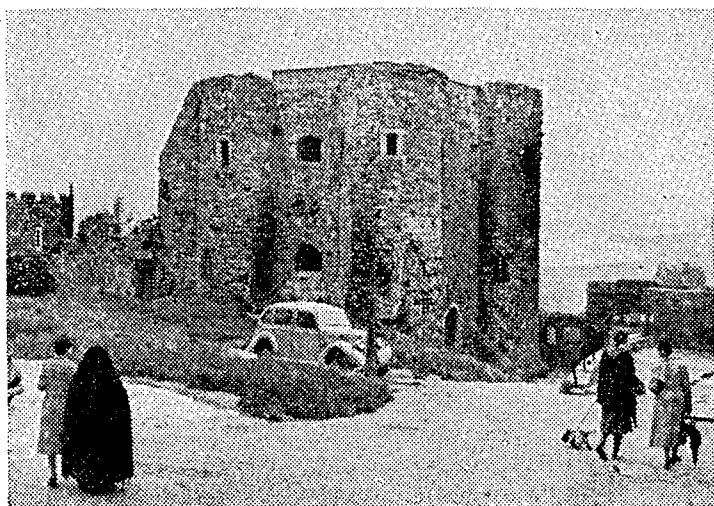
Street, where the warning bell rang for old alarms. Past houses veiled in wistaria and red creeper, you come to open space, the view across the marshes to Winchelsea.

A complete stranger, seeing me look admiringly over his wall, asked me to step in and see his garden.

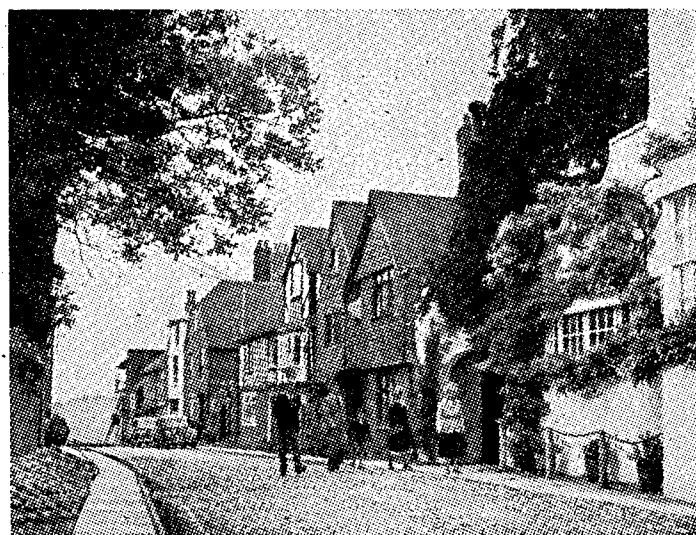
Then I knew why so many people come to Rye, and why some of them stay for good. In an age of unrest it has been finally captured by peace.



Landgate, on the London Road



Ypres Tower, core of the town's ancient defences



Old houses restored in Watchbell Street



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## SHARE OUR SURPLUS

A NEW SOS call has gone out from the people of America to its own government. It is the call to Share Our Surplus. Millions of pounds of butter, corn, beans, syrup, sugar, and flour are stored in the huge food warehouses of the United States—more than enough to feed the American people for years to come.

It is this surplus which, in 1955, is to be shipped to needy areas in Europe and Asia. For every dollar contributed by individuals to cover the cost of transport and handling, the government of the United States will release 20 dollars' worth of food.

This generous idea has caught the imagination of clubs, youth groups, schools, and churches all over the United States. The new SOS means, this time, a call to feed the hungry, to prevent waste, and to share the abundance of one country with all the rest of the world.

It is another generous act of the United States which should never be forgotten.

### JUST AN IDEA

As James Russell Lowell wrote:  
Not what we give, but what we share—  
For the gift without the giver is bare.

# The Editor's Table

## PLOUGH MONDAY

THE first Monday after Twelfth Day (January 6) is traditionally known as Plough Monday. This year it falls on January 10.

One of the most interesting old customs associated with it is that of the "Plough Jaggs" or "Plough Bullockers" as it was known in the North and Midlands. The ceremony is linked with an old Mummer's Play. For many centuries the farm lads used to pull a plough through the streets, chanting rhymes, begging alms, and generally making an occasion of it.

At Goathland, Yorkshire, the custom, known as the Plough "Stots," has been revived on Plough Monday. Teams of six men and six boys, dressed in traditional costumes of blue and pink, travel on foot for miles with collecting boxes, not for themselves, as formerly, but for the benefit of some worthy cause. The teams sing and dance to an accordion and fiddle.

## Think on These Things

THE season of Epiphany is the time when we think of the Wise Men bringing their gifts to the infant Jesus. They were seeking a Saviour. They had come a long way, following the star, which brought them at length to the stable at Bethlehem.

They offered their gifts, and worshipped the baby Jesus. "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him . . ." (St. Matthew, 2. 11).

It was the wonderful scene the great artists have loved to paint—the men of different races bringing their rich offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We must offer to Him our own gift, the gift He wants most of all—the offering of our hearts and lives.  
O. R. C.

## Something attempted

It is far better to be the last man in for the bottom team in the second division of the local cricket league, than it is to go to Headingley and be a passive onlooker at a batsman scoring for his county club.

That is the opinion of Alderman J. Hiley of Leeds, and it is one with which we heartily agree.

## Three years to build



This complete model of a church organ, built by Mr. B. Willetter of Brighton, can be played like a pianola.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, January 10, 1925

IN London a day's sightseeing or a visit to the country often costs so much, especially for family parties, that the expense becomes a serious matter.

The L.C.C. has just accepted a recommendation by its Tramway Committee that shilling tickets should be issued on Saturdays and Sundays enabling the holder to travel by tram as far and as often as he chooses in a day.

That will be a great boon, not only for country lovers and country visitors, but for friends and relations living in distant suburbs.

## THEY SAY . . .

Do you forecast the weather in advance?

A lady on the phone to the Air Ministry's forecast office

OUR greatest national assets are the brains and character of our children. Brains without character are a menace to society.

Charles Gordon, Rector of Dunfermline High School

THE idealists are far more important than the realists.

Professor Albert Richardson, P.R.A.

EDUCATION is not a nuisance we left behind at school. It is part and parcel of the very life of the world (and his wife).

From a Shell-Mex staff training booklet

I INTEND to create a Ministry of Youth.

M. Mendès-France, the French Premier

IF young men and women want to go away and excel in other parts of the world, I say: Go on, the world is open to you.

Sir William Jordan, former N.Z. High Commissioner in London

## WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c is the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 SARABAND  
a A Spanish hair ornament  
b A slow Spanish dance  
c A caravan of Spanish gypsies
- 2 SALAME  
a A kind of sausage  
b An Oriental greeting  
c An Eastern dance
- 3 LAMBENT  
a Like a lamb  
b A mournful dirge  
c With soft radiance
- 4 GUNNY  
a Coarse sacking  
b Sticky  
c Good with a gun
- 5 ABOGATE  
a To cancel or repeal  
b A small precious stone  
c A portcullis

Answers on page 12

## Out and About

ALMOST before we can realise that the days are really getting longer the promise of Spring is everywhere. Ever since early autumn the beginnings of next season's leaves have been visible in small brown knobs that are buds which push and loosen the old leaves until they fall. Now they are swelling.

Fields of winter wheat are greening more and more; in some places, if you see them at a distance across instead of along the straight furrows, the green looks unbroken, like a stretch of pasture.

On the real pasture totter the bleating lambs, south of the Midlands, though lambing gets later the farther north you go; in some parts it is as late as May or June.

Leader of the lovely troops of flowers on the way, the snow-drop's green leaves push up out of the debris of last autumn.

C. D. D.

# Next Week's Birthdays

## January 9

Gracie Fields (1898). Lancashire singer and comedienne.



First appeared at the age of eight in her native Rochdale, which has since made her one of its Freemen. This great artiste is as famed for her charity as for her song.

## January 10

Barbara Hepworth (1903). In the catalogue of her last exhibition she wrote: "Perhaps what one wants to say is formed in childhood, and the rest of one's life is spent trying to say it." She won a scholarship to the Leeds School of Art at the age of 16, and is now recognised as one of our leading sculptors.

## January 11

Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804). American statesman who played a leading part in drawing up the Constitution of his country and helped to found the Federalist Party, forerunner of the Republican Party.

## January 12

Edmund Burke (1729-1797). Statesman, orator, and political philosopher.



It was he who said, in his magnificent speech on Conciliation with America: "I do not know the method of drawing up an indictment against a whole people."

## January 13

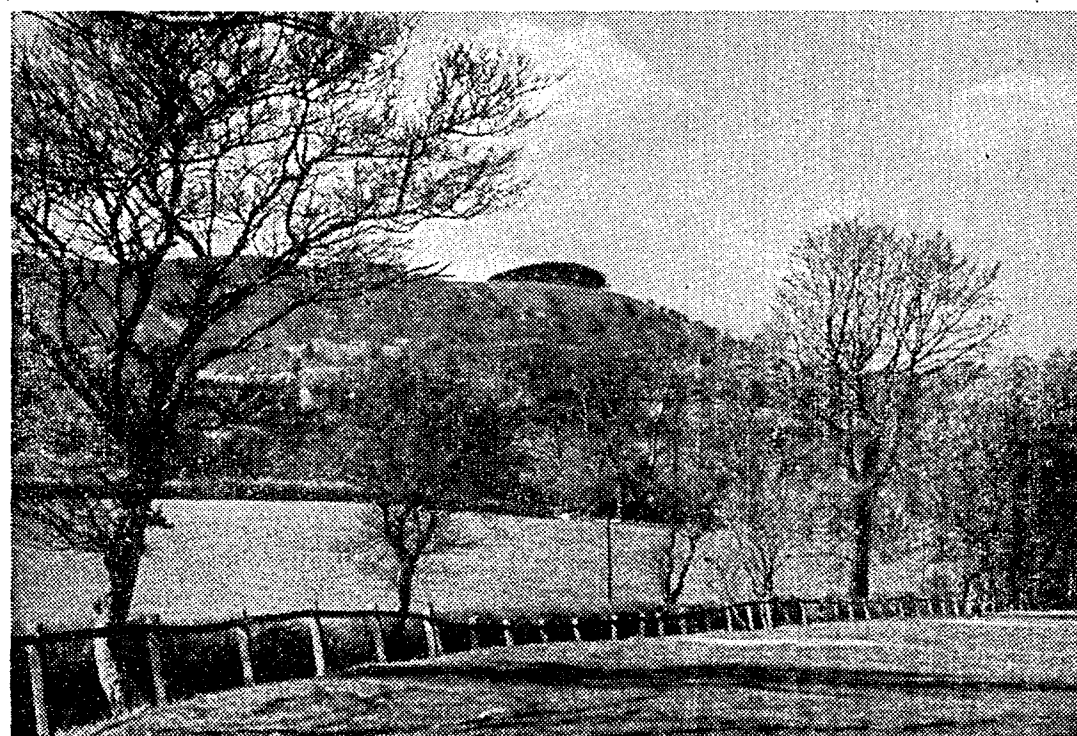
Lord Noel-Buxton (1917). To test the truth of his theories on the whereabouts of certain Roman fords he has rolled up his trousers and waded across rivers as wide and deep as the Thames and Severn, to see for himself if they were possible crossing places.

## January 14

Hugh Lofting (1886-1947). Author of the Dr. Dolittle books which he began writing for his own children when he was in the trenches during the First World War.

## January 15

Maurice Herzog (1919). Leader of the French mountaineering expedition which conquered the Himalayan peak of Anapurna in June 1950. While recovering in hospital from injuries received on this expedition, he wrote a best-seller about the adventure. "One writes best," he said philosophically, " . . . when one is reduced to complete immobility."



## OUR HOMELAND

Chanetonbury Ring on the South Downs near Washington, Sussex



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## GLIMPSES OF LIFE IN A D 2000

FORECASTING the Future is always fascinating. Something of the intense interest in peeping into the Unknown Tomorrow was reflected in the controversy aroused by the BBC's television dramatisation of George Orwell's 1984, and it has also been reflected in a Royal Society of Arts essay competition on Life in A.D. 2000.

Entries came from all over the world, and they came not only from authors, but from clergymen and doctors, engineers and architects and housewives; even schoolboys, usually so pre-occupied with the present, tried their hand at giving a picture of the shape of things to come.

Some of the competitors foresee a major war taking place in the next 46 years, but most of them have assumed that civilisation will not have changed fundamentally.

Nevertheless, there were many startling suggestions; that whales will be kept in captivity, bred and herded like cattle; that a new drug will have produced giant-sized animals; that a new human species will have appeared—people with two heads and four arms in whom "the finest qualities in man will have been doubled."

Those are forbidding prospects; but not less so than that of the night sky taken over by the government for publicity purposes, advertisements being projected on to it, and the space for them sold by reference to the position of the stars.

On more down-to-earth lines we are given glimpses of a house inside a plastic shell with heating and ventilation controlled by an airlock; and of London covered by a single vast plastic dome.

### HUMAN GANGPLANK

But school will be fun half a century hence, with lessons consisting largely of games and occupational therapy, and pupils learning effortlessly after being hypnotised.

Hypnosis will also be an accepted way of banishing pains; and even as a means of escape from a fire in a top storey; a man hypnotises the woman into a rigid trance, then uses her as a plank on which to cross to a nearby tree, afterwards pulling her to safety and bringing her back to consciousness!

Future food problems are solved in a number of interesting ways. One prophet writes of sugar made from wood; another says

the folk of A.D. 2000 will have become vegetarians to avoid the waste of land involved in meat production. Sea mosses, too, will be cultivated as food, and the British kind will be acknowledged as the best in the world.

Less fanciful ideas were indulged by a competitor who was awarded the chief prize. This was Wing Commander T. R. Cave-Browne-Cave, who submitted a carefully worked-out suggestion for through motor roads along the roofs of London. His roads would run on viaducts consisting of blocks of buildings all the same height, and they would cross side streets on bridges.

### NOISELESS TRAFFIC

The people would be unaware of the traffic, and to underline this point Wing Commander Cave-Browne-Cave points out that at the present time: "Inside the structure of Waterloo Bridge the passage of traffic along the roadway is inaudible. The vibration of the structure is barely discernible even with a stethoscope."

Another prize was won by Mr. C. E. H. Watson for his conception of a system of underground roads in the London of A.D. 2000—a city then of 20 million people who "make ready to welcome a record influx of guests for Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee." The earth dug out for these roads would be used to make the banks of a huge artificial lake for flying boats at London Airport.

After reading all these imaginative suggestions it is fair to ask: Can anything be stated with a fair degree of certainty about the year A.D. 2000? One competitor thought so: "The chances are three to one or thereabouts," he wrote, "that in Southern England it will be raining."

## Little Poetess

This moving story of a 13-year-old girl poet has been sent to us by an Italian reader of the C.N.

Living in a poor district of Rome, Raffaella La Crociera was confined to her bed with an incurable and painful illness. Her only pleasure was writing verse in the Roman dialect; the neighbours called her the Little Poetess.

Last October she heard of the terrible Salerno flood disaster in which more than a hundred people lost their lives and many thousands were made homeless. All over Italy people were subscribing money to help the afflicted, and Raffaella was grieved because she was unable to help.

Meanwhile, she wrote a little poem and sent it, with a letter, to the Italian Radio. In her poem, The Pinafore, the young invalid imagined herself looking at the black garment worn by Italian

### Shoes for a princess



After Queen Ingrid of Denmark had admired wooden shoes at a Copenhagen exhibition, three pairs were made as a gift for the young Danish princesses.

schoolchildren—one that it seemed she was never to wear again.

Her poem was accepted and read over the microphone. Listeners were touched, and when the manuscript of the poem was put up for auction it was sold for 500,000 lire—about £280.

This was the most joyful thing that had ever happened to Raffaella, for she was now able to send a considerable sum to help the children of Salerno.

She was officially awarded the Premio della Bontà (Prize for Goodness). Alas, it was an honour to her memory only. She had died some days earlier.

## LIGHTWEIGHT SLEDGE



One of the light-alloy sledges used by the British Spitsbergen Expedition

A new Arctic sledge, made entirely of aluminium alloy, and shaped like a punt, has been successfully tried out by this year's British Spitsbergen Expedition. It was invented by the expedition's organiser, Dr. G. T. Wright, M.A., of Marlborough College.

Three sledges were built, one 12 feet long and the others eight feet long. Each was made of a single sheet of alloy with 2½-inch runners riveted to it. They moved easily over pure ice and the higher snow-fields of the glaciers, the largest carrying a load of 500 lb.

These all-one-piece metal sledges have the advantage of not breaking on hummocks of frozen snow or ice, as wooden sledges sometimes do.

A novel use for them was as temporary water tanks at camping grounds. Water supply is always a problem for Arctic explorers. To melt snow on stoves takes time and uses much paraffin. The Spitsbergen men filled their empty sledges with snow, which within a short time was melted by the sun and radiation from the aluminium.

## WAS SHAKESPEARE AN ACCOUNTANT?

Before he wrote his plays was Shakespeare an accountant? D. Lukin Johnston, a chartered accountant in Vancouver, Canada, thinks he was, although he admits it is difficult to prove.

Mr. Johnston says there are many quotations which suggest that the playwright knew more than most writers about accounting. Here are some of them:

From Hamlet: "And how his audit stands who knows save heaven?"

Flavius (the steward in Timon of Athens):

"O my good lord,  
At many times I brought in my accounts,

Laid them before you; you would throw them off,

And say, you found them in mine honesty...

If you suspect my husbandry or falsehood,

Call me before the exactest auditors

And set me on the proof."

The Ghost (in Hamlet):

"Cut off even in the blossoms of my sin..."

No reckoning made, but sent to my account.

With all my imperfections on my head."

Mr. Johnston notes there is almost a complete lack of information on Shakespeare's life between 1586 and 1591, although he was believed to be somewhere in London.

What was he doing? Mr. Johnston thinks he may have been serving a five-year term of articles to the accounting profession, the same term as is required for many accountants today.

### FOUR-MILE ROPE

A Sheffield steel rope-making firm has just despatched a wire rope, three inches thick and four miles long. It is to be used on the funicular, or mountain chair lift, at Ruapehu, the New Zealand skiing resort. The firm exports about 600 tons of wire rope to New Zealand each year, but this is the longest rope it has ever sent there. It weighs over eight tons and cost about £1100.

## CN STAMP ALBUM—A feature of interest to all young collectors (2)



SHEETS OF STAMPS ARE SOMETIMES PRINTED WITH EACH PAIR JOINED LIKE THIS. SUCH STAMPS ARE CALLED—  
**TÊTE - BÊCHE**

### PHILATELIC TERMS ILLUSTRATED



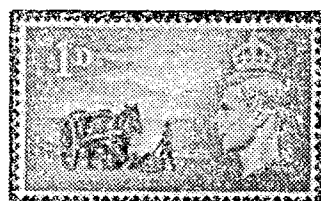
ANOTHER CURIOUS ISSUE IS WHEN TWO STAMPS OF DIFFERENT DESIGNS ARE LINKED TOGETHER. SUCH A PAIR IS CALLED—  
**SE-TENANT**



### KNOW YOUR OWN COUNTRY

THE PENNY LILAC OF 1881 WAS PRINTED FROM TWO DIFFERENT PLATES. THEY MAY BE DISTINGUISHED BY THE NUMBER OF DOTS IN EACH CORNER. PLATE I has 14 DOTS, PLATE II has 16. The Plate II variety, (shown here), is the more common.

### ? PUZZLE CORNER?



Obviously a BRITISH POSSESSION but which?  
Answer next week.

Answer to last week's puzzle:  
**JAPAN**  
(The clue is the Imperial Chrysanthemum at the top.)



## PARISIAN DRIVER IN LONDON

British motorists who have driven in Paris often talk of the adventure for years afterwards. But what of the French drivers caught in a London traffic jam? They, too, have a tale to tell, and one of them recently related his in *Le Figaro*.

He was horrified, pitiful, and amused at the solid silent motionless mass of taxis, buses, and cars.

He was amazed by the discipline of the British drivers; at their refusal to treat every faster car as a challenge to themselves, their contempt for the low cheats who tried to queue-crash or infiltrate, and by their regard for pedestrians. In Paris pedestrians do not count.

At the same time the motorist, M. Didier Merlin, makes some apt criticisms in his article. The 30 m.p.h. speed limit, he points out, is frequently ignored. When the London driver is lucky enough to find a clear length of road he travels as fast as he can—then stops abruptly and completely. He noted unfavourably the absence of underground subways for cars which, in Paris, speed up the traffic, and he criticised the little hump-backed bridges on main roads in the country where two buses can hardly pass.

He finishes his article on London traffic with a penetrating remark in real French style: "Truly, the circulation becomes impossible."

## IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Carcoar, near Blayney, New South Wales, is the scene of Australia's latest uranium discovery.

"I was in Carcoar recently," writes a CN correspondent, "and I was impressed by its resemblance to an English village. Carcoar is on high ground, and has occasional snowfalls, which accounts for the fact that spruces, firs, and other English trees flourish there."

Our correspondent adds: "My guide was the local Church of England minister, who had been curate of a London church."



## ALL KINDS OF MUSIC—AND THE BEASTS

For centuries the snake-charmers of the East have demonstrated the power of music "to soothe the savage beast," but it took more than simple pipe-music to quell the bull that recently ran amok at Dijon.

It broke from the herd and charged into a concert-hall where an orchestra was performing. The players stopped in alarm, but the conductor persuaded them to start a Beethoven symphony, and the bull stood quietly until the police could arrive and lead it away.

### ELEPHANT DANCE

Scientists and musicians have long been interested in the reactions of animals to musical sounds. Darwin, himself no music-lover, tried the effect of blowing a trumpet at the earthworm which, he found, was sensitive to vibration, though having no ears.

Buffon, the French naturalist, asserted that the elephant was extremely sensitive to music and, more than a century ago, a group of French musicians set out to test his theory. They visited a menagerie and found that, while the beast was indifferent to song, it showed considerable interest in a

simple melody quietly played on the violin.

If the tune were played on a horn, the animal lifted its ears and moved slowly towards the performer, becoming so excited that it swayed its trunk in rhythm and broke into a kind of shambling dance. When the music stopped, the animal caressed the player with its trunk and tried to express in other ways its gratitude for the performance.

The Zoo, also, has conducted some experiments on the effect of music on animals. A small orchestra performed before each group of animals in turn, with surprisingly different results.

### RETREAT FROM JAZZ

The rhino, for instance, charged in the direction of the players whatever type of music was played; the sea-lions, however, listened as if enchanted to classical music, but retreated from jazz.

Birds are great lovers of music and the mellow tones of the 'cello or the bright tinkle of an arpeggio played on the piano often start them singing. Sometimes parrots show a musical response, spreading their wings and swaying from side

to side in rhythm with any tune that captures their fancy. One bird showed its interest like this in The Sailor's Hornpipe—probably because it had heard the tune before on its way to this country—but was indifferent to other music.

Some cats show a marked response to music of certain kinds, whether played on the radio or by individual performers. They may be attracted by a melody played on the fiddle or the piano.

### RAPT EXPRESSIONS

If the piano is open, they will jump on the lid and watch the scampering "mice" of the hammers as they hit the strings, but this can hardly be put down as a response to music. A few cats, however, bear a rapt expression, suggesting that the music, rather than the "mice," has appealed to them. They show a partiality for simple classical music.

Most dogs are either completely indifferent to music or howl whenever they hear it, especially from the piano or violin. Whether this is a case of "sympathetic vibration" or just plain protest we shall probably never know.

## HOSPITAL IN A GARDEN

For the fifth time in nearly 30 years in India Dr. Honor Newell has returned to her "hospital in the garden" at Jiaganj, not far from Calcutta. Now a long, white building, the hospital began in a three-room bungalow 40 years ago. Its development is the result of co-operation between Indians and Britons which, in spite of all the changes in India, still goes on.

Dr. Newell and her predecessors believed that a hospital should be a beautiful place as well as a place of healing. So all round the building there are flowerbeds of sweet peas, larkspur, poppies, dahlias, hollyhocks, and marigolds. Rose trees are plentiful, but the fruit trees have to be guarded from the monkeys.

### GATE OF HOPE

Jiaganj is one of the few places in India where the visitor is not sure whether he is in India or in England. The grass in the cold weather is green, and the succession of flowers adds a brilliance and variety to the compound. Dr. Newell believes this helps in the cure of the long line of patients which every day forms up at the out-patients department. Every day, too, the wards are filled with fresh flowers. The Indians have given Jiaganj the lovely name of Gate of Hope.

In particular the hospital in the garden is a gate of hope for the waifs and strays from the streets of Calcutta who are picked up and sent to Dr. Newell's hospital.

One of them was Nobi, who came to the hospital with his left arm fastened by a bridge of skin to his chest. This made him an excellent investment for the beggars of Calcutta who exhibited him on the streets and made a lot of money out of his pitiable condition. He was only 12 years old, but was so frightened of other children that he refused to mix with them.

It was only after some weeks in hospital that Nobi managed to become a normal child again.

## FROM LOG CABIN TO WHITE HOUSE—new picture-version of the romantic life-story of President Garfield (7)



The American Civil War broke out in 1861. James Garfield raised and commanded an Ohio regiment, which many of his Hiram students joined. He had had no experience of military affairs, and had to teach himself and his officers and men at the same time. In January 1862 his regiment went to the front, and came up against the Confederate enemy—the troops of the Southern States—at Middle Creek in Kentucky.

The enemy held a strong position on top of a ridge overlooking a swiftly-running stream. The Ohio men waded across it up to their waists under a heavy fire from those above them. They rushed up the hill, but were driven back to the river. Then James came through the river with his last 100 men, and himself led a charge up the slope. At that the Confederate commander ordered his men to retreat.

But the victors had run out of food, and the roads were impassable because of heavy rain. The only way to get food was to bring it up the river, and James set off in a small skiff to hasten supplies. With him went Harry Brown, whom he had known in his canal barge days. The flooded river became swifter and wider downstream, but they reached the town of Cadletsburg, where they found a small river steamer.

James boarded the vessel and told the skipper: "I am under the necessity of taking your steamer to carry provisions to my troops." But the man was a Confederate sympathiser. "This craft can't stem such a current nohow!" he replied sullenly. "It ud be the death of us." James said he would command the boat himself. Provisions were bought in the town on Government authority, and loaded on to the steamer.

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# OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings and Darbshire send for a sheet of stamps on approval, unaware that they will have to pay for them. By the time Mr. Carter points out their error they have given most of the stamps away, and are faced with the task of recovering them.

## 3. Cross-country run

ALL through lunch Jennings and Darbshire discussed ways and means of solving their problem. To despatch a five shilling postal order was out of the question, for the blow had fallen during that awkward period of the term when neither of them had any money left in the school bank.

"There's only one thing for it, Darbi," Jennings decided at length. "We'll have to go round the school directly after lunch and get the stamps back from all the chaps we gave them to."

Darbshire paled at the prospect. "They won't like it; you know," he said in worried tones. "After all, we did say they could keep them; and if they've gone and stuck them in their albums—"

"Well, they'll jolly well have to go and unstuck them then. We'll tell them we've made a bit of a bish and that they've got to be sent back right away."

Jennings' tone was confident; though it is doubtful if he would have sounded so optimistic had he known the difficulties which lay ahead.

To begin with, his plan for recovering the scattered stamps after lunch was thwarted by a last-

minute change in the afternoon routine. The weather had been wet for some days past, and though a wintry sun was now trying to break through the clouds, the games field was still sodden underfoot.

"It'll ruin the pitches if we play football on them in their present condition," Mr. Carter remarked to his colleague when lunch was over. "I think we'll organise a cross-country run instead."



"I can feel one of my stitches coming on," gasped Darbshire.

"Splendid idea! Do them all the good in the world!" Mr. Wilkins agreed. "They can take the footpath across Arrowsmith's farm and over Cow Meadow till they get to Linbury village, and then they can run back to school along the main road."

Mr. Carter suggested an improvement. "I think one of us ought to go down to the village and check them as they arrive at the half-way mark."

"I'll do that," said Mr. Wilkins briskly. "I'll go down on my bi-

cycle and wait for them by the village hall. That'll put a stop to anyone sitting down for a few minutes' rest as soon as he's out of sight of the school gates!"

The news of the cross-country run was hailed with wild enthusiasm when Mr. Wilkins announced the afternoon's programme.

Darbshire, alone, expressed doubts. "Please, sir, do we have to run all the time, sir? Or may we just stop to breathe sometimes? Because I'm not very good at running, sir, and I always usually get a stitch as a rule, sir."

Mr. Wilkins had little sympathy with Darbshire's shortness of breath. "You'll keep going all the time, boy, stitch or no stitch! I'll give you a quarter of an hour to reach the village and report to me; and if you aren't there by then, you'll spend the next half-holiday going for the run all over again. Off you go now, and get ready, all of you. I shall be setting off on my bicycle almost immediately."

## Four miles a fortnight

Jennings changed quickly, and was about to hurry outside to the quad when Darbshire called him back.

"Wait for me, Jen; then we can run together. All the other chaps say I go too slowly for them."

"I'm not surprised," Jennings answered. "You only move at four miles a fortnight: and even then you get a stitch about every six inches. You really ought to try and do better, Darbi. Your name's becoming quite a by-pass in athletic circles."

"You mean a by-word," Darbshire corrected, searching through the boot-lockers for his gym shoes. "Still, speed isn't everything. When the hare and the tortoise had a race, the hare went to sleep and—"

"That's a crazy story, if you ask me," Jennings interrupted. "And if you think Venables and Temple and everyone are going to lie down in the mud in Cow Meadow and have a nice, quiet snooze with old Farmer Arrowsmith's cows charging around and mooing like foghorns, you must be bats!" He made an impatient movement towards the door. "Come on, for goodness' sake! Everyone else is out in the quad waiting to start."

## No laces—no run

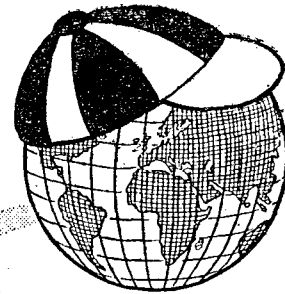
Darbshire had found his gym shoes by this time, but as he bent down to put them on he uttered a wail of dismay. "Oh, fish-hooks! Some gruesome specimen has pinched my laces. I bet it was Atkinson. He broke one of his yesterday and he was snooping around my locker while—"

"There's no time to worry about that now. You'll just have to wear them as they are," Jennings danced with impatience as the sound of Mr. Carter's referee whistle came through the window.

"But I can't go with my shoes flapping about my ankles. They'll fall off as soon as I try to run!"

Jennings rounded on his friend with some heat. "Now look here, Darbshire; I'm doing you a super-sonic favour in letting you be my partner for this run, considering you only go as fast as a sea-lion

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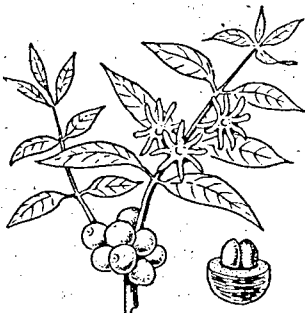
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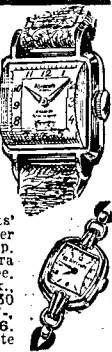
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## ZOO NEWS

# IKEY SHOWS HIS STRENGTH

## And a stork that would a-flying go

WHICH is the strongest animal in the Zoo? Usually, the bison hold this distinction, but some of the Zoo's male stags are very strong also, as, for instance, Ikey, the Père David's deer. Ikey has just accomplished a feat of strength which has astonished even his keepers—lifting the door of his stall clean off its hinges and sending it crashing to the ground.

"Ikey did this with his antlers, of which he has grown an unusually fine pair this season," said Headkeeper Pullen, of the deer and cattle sheds. "It was an amazing feat. The door weighs nearly ten cwt. and normally requires four men to carry it. Before replacing the door on its hinges we had to lasso Ikey and tie him temporarily to the railings of his outdoor compound since, as with all the deer at this season, his temper is not of the best."



Ikey, the Père David's deer

Another Zoo inmate in the news just now is one of its oddest-looking birds—Old John, the African marabou stork who has the "biggest and most dignified beak in the ostrich house." Old John has had an escape with a very undignified ending.

Taking advantage of a high wind, John "took off" one morning, flew over the nearby monkey house, and tried to alight on the Inner Circle Road about 100 yards away. But, unused to flying—it was his first escape since coming to the menagerie five years ago—he misjudged his distance and came down in a flowerbed a few feet short of the boundary fence.

### UNLUCKY DAY

Undaunted, he ran to the railings, thrust his beak and head through, and pushed with all his might, as though hoping his body would follow.

But it was John's unlucky day. He was spotted by a passing keeper—Keeper Sawyer, of the elephant section, who before going to the elephants a few months ago had been employed at the stork and ostrich house.

Next moment poor Old John found himself being swept up by his former keeper, who carried him back to the ostrich house for a new wing-clip. Even for Mr. Sawyer, this was no mean feat, as anyone would know who has

ever tried carrying 35 lb. of struggling stork 100 yards.

This is the time when many "old hands" in the menagerie retire on pension, and among those leaving this year is a man who has handled more dangerous insects than anyone in this country, 60-year-old Mr. L. C. Bushby, the Society's curator of insects.

### HANDLING DEADLY INSECTS

Mr. Bushby took over the curatorship of insects in 1925; since then he has been responsible for the safety and welfare of literally millions of insects from tropical countries—creatures whose bites or stings could cause serious illness, if not death.

Scores of these deadly creatures have passed through Mr. Bushby's hands. None, however, caused him serious injury, thanks to the special precautions he has always adopted in handling them—as a rule, gloves and forceps are used.

"Possibly I have been lucky," Mr. Bushby told me. "I have, in fact, had very few injuries worth mentioning. My worst one was perhaps a poisoned finger, caused by a large South American bird-eating spider that we had here before the war. I still bear traces of that injury today, the finger being permanently stiff."

### EGGS FROM THE SOLOMONS

Incidentally (talking of insects), some stick insect eggs, laid on the other side of the world, may shortly be hatched over here. A District Commissioner in the British Solomon Islands has promised Mr. Bushby to send some of these eggs by air.

"There are many varieties of stick insects distributed over the warmer parts of the globe," said Mr. Bushby. "Most of them we have had at one time or another. But not, so far, the kind found in the Solomon Islands, a very large variety. As a matter of fact, the Zoo has had comparatively few exhibits from that area. The main problem, of course, is transport. With mammals and birds it is generally too costly. But to send eggs—even those of insects—by air from the Solomons, should be quite a good proposition."

Craven Hill

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# SPORTS SHORTS

FRED TRUEMAN, the Yorkshire and England fast bowler, is determined to be fit for the opening of the 1955 cricket season, and is training with the Leigh (Lancashire) Rugby League club. Trueman formerly played Soccer as an amateur for Lincoln City, but gave it up to concentrate on fast bowling.

THE British amateur squash championships start this weekend at the Lansdowne Club, in West London. Alan Fairbairn will be defending his title, which he won after beating Roy Wilson in last year's final.

THE Nottinghamshire C.C.C. are spending £13,000 on the erection of a new stand on their famous Trent Bridge Test ground. The stand, which will have seating accommodation for 1000 spectators, will be ready for the coming season.

YVONNE SUGDEN, 15-year-old British women's figure skating champion, will shortly be leaving her West London home for St.



Yvonne Sugden

Moritz. There she will complete her training for the European Championships in Budapest later this month, and the World Championships in Vienna in February.

MICHAEL DAVIES, the 18-year-old Swansea and Welsh international tennis player, is being coached at Queen's Club by Wimbledon champion Jaroslav Drobný. Michael Davies was chosen by Drobný as being the most promising British junior.

THE Football Association have agreed to send a team on a goodwill tour of the West Indies next May and June. The party will consist of 18 players, and matches will be played in Jamaica, Bermuda, Trinidad, Aruba, and Curacao. This will be the first official Soccer tour of the West Indies, where the game is becoming very popular.

ENGLAND should have another great cross-country team when the important international events are staged later in the year. Following Gordon Pirie's triumph in Brussels last November, his brother Peter took the Banks' Championship, held for the past five years by Gordon; and Peter Driver won a brilliant race to win the Grand Prix de Courville over 10,000 metres in Belgium recently. England also won the team event.

EXPERIMENTS will be made next season with a slightly smaller cricket ball, with a thicker seam. This new ball, authorised by the M.C.C., will not be used in any County Championship games, or in matches against the South African tourists.

RON JARDEN, who played so brilliantly for the All Blacks during the 1953-54 tour of Britain, has scored 153 points this season—a record number of points in a New Zealand Rugby season. He is the only player to score more than 100 points in each of the last three New Zealand seasons.

THE 21-year-old Rowe twins, Diane and Rosalind, are now playing exhibition table tennis matches in India. During the last 18 months the twins, who hold the world doubles title, have travelled thousands of miles on table tennis tours, visiting Australia, New Zealand, and most of the European countries.

THE A.A.A. have awarded the George Hogsflesh Memorial Trophy for the outstanding junior athlete of the year jointly to Roger Dunkley, Britain's fastest junior miler, and J. Railton, who has run 100 yards in 9.9 secs. George Carr, the young discus thrower and weight putter, has been awarded the Joe Turner Memorial Trophy as the Best Junior Champion of the Year.

## OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

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on its flippers. We've got to get going right away, otherwise Old Wilkie won't need a watch to time us with—he'll need a calendar!"

They hurried out on to the quad, but by this time the rest of the school had already made their way past the waterlogged football pitches, and were following the footpath across Arrowsmith's field.

Jennings tore after them in lively pursuit. But he had not gone far when cries of distress broke out behind him.

"Hey, wait for me! Not so fast!" gasped the slow-moving shuffler. "I can feel one of my stitches coming on—and one of my shoes coming off."

"Try curling your toes up inside," Jennings advised.

"I've been doing that ever since we started. I've curled them so much they've got a permanent wave in them," Darbshire announced, as he arrived panting and breathless at his friend's side.

"We can't stop and have a rest before we've even started," Jennings pointed out. "We're about a hundred miles behind the others already. Come on, let's get mobile again, if you've got your breath back. We'll never reach Old Wilkie in a quarter of an hour at this rate."

When at last the two boys arrived at the meadow they were surprised to find the gate open, and one of Farmer Arrowsmith's cows wandering about in the lane which led to the main road.

MR. F. W. MILES, a 57-year-old grandfather of Bexleyheath in Kent, has been awarded a special medal by the West Kent Road Club for cycling 100 miles in under five hours.

A NEW world cricket record was established by Russell Endean, the South African opening batsman, when he scored 197 runs before lunch in a match in Johannesburg recently. Previous holder was Denis Compton, who scored 180 before lunch at Benoni, South Africa, in 1948.

## STAMP NEWS

A NEW Austrian stamp celebrates the 150th anniversary of the State Printing Office; the 250th anniversary of Wiener Zeitung, one of the world's oldest daily newspapers; and the 300th anniversary of the Academic College buildings.

ISRAEL is issuing this month a set of six youth stamps. They show a girl tourist aboard a liner, a newspaper office boy, a girl in a plane, a farmer's boy, a girl on a fruit farm, and a boy in a pottery factory.

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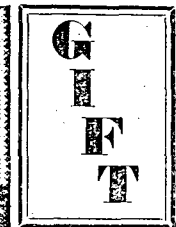
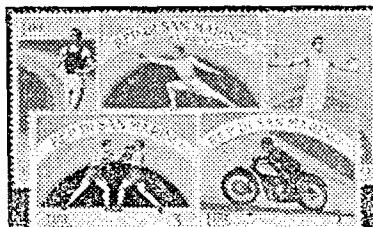
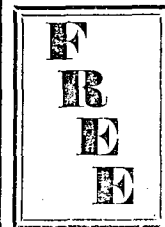


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To be continued



## THE BRAN TUB

### FOREIGN SUBSTANCE

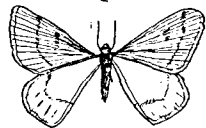
THE doctor had been called to attend young Ann who was a little off colour. "What seems to be the trouble, Doctor?" asked the mother.

"Some foreign substance in the stomach, I'd say."

"Oh, that'll be those Irish potatoes. I'll tell the green-grocer not to send any more."

### SPOT THE . . .

EARLY MOTH as it rests on the hawthorns. The male is of a pale brown hue. A dark line crosses all four wings, and a dark spot is found within that line. The wings of the female are so small that they are quite useless.



This species is found during January and February, when most moths are in the egg or pupal stage.

Spring finds the caterpillars of the early moth feeding on sloe or other hedgerow plants. They belong to the looper type, and are green with white stripes.

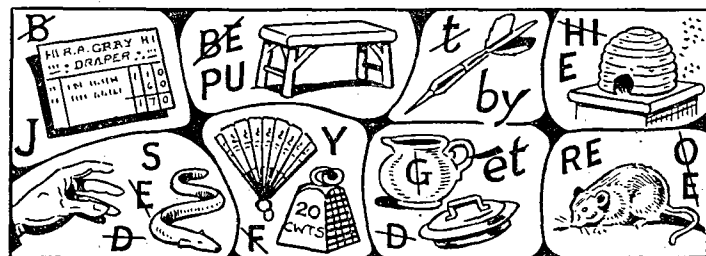
### NAME THESE PLACES?

GAIN by effort a London borough in Sussex  
Deity attached to a Lancashire town in Huntingdonshire  
Cornish river joined to Scottish church in Stirling  
Sunburnt boy on a Cornish mountain  
Young girl and Staffordshire town in Kent

Answer in column 5

### A PICTURE-PUZZLE TO SOLVE

EACH puzzle represents a name. Find what it is and then see if you can give another name which is often associated with it. Answer in column 5



### BEDTIME TALE

#### BLOW FOR DADDY

ONE of Billy's Christmas presents which had given him a great deal of fun was his Blow Football set. Paul, Jean, and he had spent hours puffing and blowing through their pipes in an effort to score goals.

One evening they were taking "penalties"—one player putting his ball on the penalty spot and trying to score with one puff—when Daddy came in.

"Let's have a competition," he said. "We'll each take three penalties and see who scores the most goals."

Jean had the first try but only scored one goal. Then Paul and Billy each scored twice in their three shots.

"Ha, I can beat that," chuckled

## JACKO'S SNOWDOG LOOKS TOO REAL FOR BOUNCER



### WETNESS AND WEIGHT

AN inch of rain on an acre of ground means that just over 100 tons of water have fallen.

### WHAT . . .

. . . have film producers and astronomers in common?

They both discover new stars

### DIRE THREAT

"By command of His Majesty King George, an' Her Grace the Duke o' Argyll, if anybody is found fishing aboot te loch, or below te loch, around te loch, afore te loch, or ahint te loch, in te loch, or on te loch, she's to be persecutit wi' three persecutions; first she's to be burnt, syne she's to be drówn't, an' then to be hangt—and if ever she comes back she's to be persecutit wi' a far waur death."

Proclamation made in Inveraray early in the 19th century

### SAMMY SIMPLE

"SAMMY, do you know what I've done with my pliers?"  
"Yes, Dad. You've lost them."

### NONSENSE

THE guest was walking along the passage of an old house looking very lost when he came up against a ghost, which wailed: "I've haunted this passage for four hundred years."

"Well," replied the guest, looking relieved, "perhaps you would be good enough to show me the way to the lounge."

### Sport at the Zoo



THE giraffe and the bear  
Are a nautical pair  
Who love to sail in the breeze.  
But if the wind's wrong  
They just drift along  
And froggie then passes with ease.

### ALPHABET PUZZLE

The answers to the following questions all begin with the letter M.

AT a town by the sea in Lincolnshire, at very low tide, you can see a Roman villa and a submerged forest. What is the name of the town?

Where is the Royal Palace of Spain?

When you go fishing you might use these for bait

Who was the author of Paradise Lost?

You might use one to pick up pins

Answer in column 5

### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is in the south-east and Mars is low in the south-west.

In the morning Venus and Saturn are low in the south-east.

Our picture shows the Moon as it will appear at nine o'clock on Wednesday evening, January 5.



### WHAT . . .

. . . part of speech is "no" with two bits of fun added? *unoN*

### Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Ring. 5 Pigeons' murmur. 6 Fairy. 8 Adding machines. 10 Frost. 11 Give out. 12 Newts. 15 Jealousy. 17 Explodes. 18 Father. 19 Rested. 20 Coat front.

READING DOWN. 1 Obligation. 2 "... springs eternal." 3 Deal out. 4 Of the powers of nature. 5 Central Office of Information. 7 Fellow of the Royal Institute. 8 Sobbed. 9 Remains. 13 Ate. 14 Compound of sodium. 15 Comfort. 16 Animal doctor.

Answer next week

### LIGHTING PROBLEM

YOU have to light a gas fire and a coal fire but find that there is only one match left. What would you light first?

The match

### WHEN . . .

. . . is a pie like a poet?

When it is Browning

### ADD A LETTER

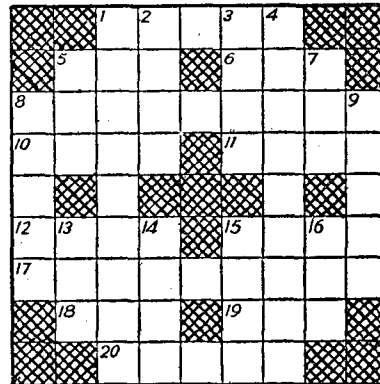
FIND words to fit the following clues, then add a letter "e" to each one to make the name of an island; an English town; a river; an animal; a tree; a flower.

Upper atmosphere  
Pond  
Nothing  
Ourselves  
Scheme  
Small horse.

Answer below

### NOT VERY HELPFUL

THERE used to be a notice in Wales which read: "Take notice, that when this board is under water the road is impassable."



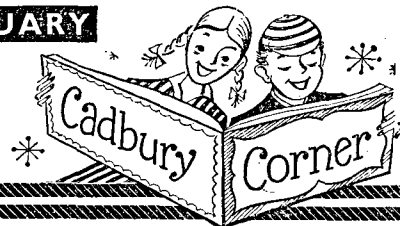
### ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1b, 2a, 3c, 4a, 5a

### BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Name these places. Winchelsea, Godmanchester, Falkirk, Brown Willy, Maidstone  
Picture-puzzle. Jill (Jack), Punch (Judy), Darby (Joan), Eve (Adam), Hansel (Gretel), Antony (Cleopatra), Juliet (Romeo), Remus (Romulus)  
Alphabet puzzle. Mablethorpe, Madrid, magnets, Milton, magnet  
Add a letter. Sky(e), Pool(e), Nil(e), (E)we, Plan(e), P(e)ony

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